

JILL DILLARD vs CITY OF SPRINGDALE  
VUOLO, JINGER on 09/20/2021

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
FAYETTEVILLE DIVISION

JILL DILLARD, JESSA SEEWALD, )  
JINGER VUOLO, and JOY DUGGAR, )  
PLAINTIFFS, )  
VS. )  
CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS; )  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS; ) CASE NO.  
KATHY O'KELLEY, in her Individual ) 17-CV-05089-TLB  
and Official Capacities; ERNEST )  
CATE, in his Individual and )  
Official Capacities; RICK HOYT, )  
in his Individual and Official )  
Capacities; STEVE ZEGA, in his )  
Official Capacity;  
Does 1-10, Inclusive,  
DEFENDANTS.

ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF

JINGER VUOLO

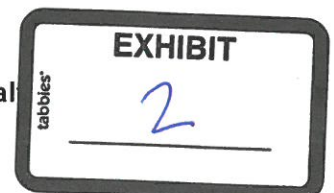
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ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF JINGER

VUOLO, produced as a witness at the instance of the  
DEFENDANTS, and duly sworn, was taken in the  
above-styled and numbered cause on the 20th day of  
September, 2021, from 10:02 a.m. to 3:25 p.m., before  
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Arkansas, RPR, CRR, reported by machine shorthand, via  
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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What reason do you have to believe that  
3 Rick Hoyt intentionally inflicted emotional distress  
4 upon you?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Okay. You do have a reason, you just don't know  
7 what it is; is that correct?

8 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form.

9 A. (No verbal response.)

10 Q. Is that correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. I am going to represent to you that  
13 another one of your claims is a invasion of privacy  
14 claim that asserts that private facts have been  
15 publicly disclosed by the defendants. What private  
16 facts, if any, have been publicly disclosed by  
17 Defendant Rick Hoyt?

18 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form.

19 A. (No verbal response.)

20 Q. Again, we've gone several minutes radio silent  
21 here. Do you remember my question?

22 MR. BLEDSOE: I don't think it's been  
23 several minutes, but it's been some -- it's  
24 been a little bit of time. I'll agree with  
25 that.

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1 MR. OWENS: I set my stopwatch. It's  
2 been more than three minutes at this point.

3 A. Can you repeat that question?

4 Q. Sure. I am going to represent to you that one  
5 of your claims in this lawsuit is that private facts  
6 have been publicly disclosed, thereby invading your  
7 privacy. What private facts, if any, were publicly  
8 disclosed by Defendant Rick Hoyt?

9 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form.

10 A. I don't want to talk about the private facts.

11 Q. Well, I can appreciate that. I really can. I  
12 know you've been through a lot, you and your sisters  
13 all have. And I appreciate you don't want to talk  
14 about it.

15 The problem is, you filed a lawsuit about  
16 it, and you're accusing my client of violating your  
17 right to privacy, as it were. And so I guess I'll ask  
18 you, are you refusing to answer the question?

19 MR. BLEDSOE: Yeah. I'm going to jump  
20 in here, Jason. You know what this lawsuit  
21 is about. Are you asking her to recount the  
22 private details of -- what were the private  
23 details of her molestation? What are you  
24 asking?

25 You know what's in the report, and you



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1 know what she told the people at the Child  
2 Safety Center. So it seems like you're  
3 trying to get her to repeat the details of  
4 her molestation, which that's the problem.  
5 What she doesn't want to do is be  
6 essentially victimized again by you. Not  
7 that you've ever victimized her. But I  
8 think that's the problem with the question.

9 MR. OWENS: Well --

10 MR. BLEDSOE: You're asking her --

11 MR. OWENS: -- I'd rather you not -- I'd  
12 rather you not jump in and coach the witness  
13 at this point. You know as well as I that  
14 federal court pleadings is notice pleading,  
15 not fact pleading.

16 I'm asking for the facts. You've  
17 asserted a claim. All four of these  
18 plaintiffs have asserted a claim that their  
19 privacy was invaded by the public disclosure  
20 of private facts. I'm simply asking her  
21 what private facts are we talking about.

22 MR. BLEDSOE: Jinger, you don't have to  
23 talk about the details of the molestation.  
24 But you can answer the question, but you  
25 don't need to go into the details.

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1 A. Can you repeat that question --

2 Q. Sure.

3 A. -- one more time?

4 Q. Yeah. One of your claims in this lawsuit is  
5 that private facts have been publicly disclosed,  
6 thereby invading your privacy. What private facts are  
7 we talking about?

8 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form.

9 A. I don't want to talk about the private details  
10 of my abuse.

11 Q. Okay. In May of 2015, were you secluded?

12 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form.

13 A. Can you repeat that?

14 Q. Sure. In May of 2015, were you secluded?

15 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form.

16 A. What do you mean by that?

17 Q. Well, I'm going to represent to you that one of  
18 your claims in this lawsuit is that the defendants  
19 intruded upon your seclusion, thereby violating your  
20 privacy or invading your privacy, I should say. Were  
21 you secluded in May of 2015?

22 MR. BLEDSOE: Object to the form. This  
23 is a nonsensical question. I don't --  
24 Jason, this is completely harassing. You  
25 know it and I know it. And that's a legal

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1 conclusion. This is ridiculous. I don't  
2 know why -- you haven't asked -- you didn't  
3 ask that question in any other depositions,  
4 and this is just ridiculous, frankly.

5 MR. OWENS: Are you instructing your  
6 client not to answer the question?

7 MR. BLEDSOE: If she understands what  
8 you're asking, she can answer. But it  
9 obviously calls for a legal conclusion.  
10 This is -- this is just ridiculous and it's  
11 harassing.

12 MR. OWENS: I don't -- I disagree,  
13 frankly. I'm asking her the most basic  
14 questions I can ask her about her claims.

15 MR. BLEDSOE: No. You know exactly what  
16 happened and what was disclosed and why we  
17 have this lawsuit. And so the notion that  
18 you have to ask these questions is  
19 ridiculous.

20 Now, if you want to ask how it affected  
21 her and things like that, that's a  
22 legitimate area of inquiry. But I  
23 haven't -- okay.

24 I've been very contained in my  
25 objections in these depositions, but I don't

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1 tell you to keep these molestations private and within  
2 the family?

3 A. I didn't want to talk about it.

4 Q. Okay. I understand that. My question is, did  
5 anybody in the family, or anywhere else, tell you not  
6 to talk about it?

7 A. That's a stupid question. I would never talk  
8 about my abuse. I would not be going out talking  
9 about my abuse. It's just --

10 Q. Yeah. So my question is a little bit different  
11 than that. I understand that you didn't want to,  
12 didn't have that desire. I'm asking you did anybody  
13 tell you not to.

14 A. I don't think so. I don't recall.

15 Q. Did you know, prior to May of 2015, that Josh  
16 had molested other of your sisters and maybe somebody  
17 outside the family?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How did you learn about that?

20 A. My parents.

21 Q. Okay. Is it true that Josh molested someone  
22 after he had confessed to your parents that he had  
23 molested others?

24 A. I don't know.

25 Q. Okay. Do you recall Josh being sent away after